## Attachment 2 Eligible Applicant Documentation



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California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Regional Planning Branch
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Attn: Tom Lutterman

Re: Western Placer County Groundwater Recharging Mapping and Water Quality Protection Program

Mr. Lutterman:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Department of Water Resources with a legal opinion, in our capacity as the legal counsel for the City of Roseville (hereafter the "City"), concerning four issues that the City has been requested to address in connection with the above-referenced grant application.

The following are the answers to the four questions in the grant application:

1. Is the applicant a local public agency, as provided under California Water Code section 10795, et seq.?

Yes, the City of Roseville, a municipal corporation, is a local public agency that provides water service to all or a portion of its service area and can conduct groundwater studies or carry out groundwater monitoring and management activities in accordance with the provisions of section 10795 of the California Water Code.

2. Does the applicant have the legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California?

In my opinion, the City has the legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California pursuant to California Water Code sections 10795.4 – 10795.8.

3. What is the statutory or other legal authority under which the applicant was formed and is authorized to operate?

The City is a chartered municipal corporation formed under the provisions of Article XI, Section 3 and 5 of the California Constitution, and is authorized to act by the California Constitution, subject to the limitations of its respective charter

and enactments of the legislature on matters of statewide concern. The City's authority to operate public works and provide its inhabitants with water services derives from Article XI, Section 9.

4. Describe any legal agreements among partner agencies and/or organizations that ensure performance of the Proposal and tracking of funds.

The City has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with its partner agencies and, under the terms of that agreement, the City is the administering agency responsible for all project management functions including, but not limited to, securing, administering and tracking grant funds. Partner agencies will reimburse the City for administration costs.

Please feel free to contact me at (916) 774-5325 if you require additional information.

Very truly yours.

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